

## SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 42

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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Senator Don McLeary for his honorable and astute service to the people of Tennessee as a member of the General Assembly.

WHEREAS, it is most appropriate that the members of this body should honor those fellow legislators who have performed their duties with the utmost probity, and whose efforts during their time in office were dedicated to providing thoughtful and exemplary service to their district and to this great State; and

WHEREAS, Senator Don McLeary is one such distinguished public servant who served both his constituency and this legislative body with honor and distinction; and

WHEREAS, Senator McLeary has been a highly influential figure in the political, social, and civic lives of the 27th Senatorial District, and he served his constituents in numerous capacities, always working diligently at his elected duties and expending the necessary effort to understand the opposing sides of complex issues; and

WHEREAS, in 2002 the good people of Senate District 27 evinced their great faith in the political and governmental capabilities of Don McLeary by electing him as their senator, a position in which he performed admirably; and

WHEREAS, as a Senate member of the 103rd and 104th General Assemblies, Don McLeary was prominent as a dedicated and well-informed legislator who always voted his conscience; and

WHEREAS, born on January 2, 1948, Don McLeary grew up in rural Madison County and still makes his home on the family farm; and

WHEREAS, Senator McLeary had the privilege of being a starting tailback for the University of Tennessee football team, and he remains proud of helping "Big Orange" win several Bowl Games, including the Sugar Bowl in 1971; and

WHEREAS, Don McLeary later graduated from the University of Tennessee in Knoxville with a bachelor's and a master's degree in Education; and

WHEREAS, Senator McLeary was an active and dynamic participant in the legislative process and earned the respect and admiration of his colleagues for his outstanding contributions and service during the 103<sup>rd</sup> and 104<sup>th</sup> General Assemblies, during which he astutely served as Vice-Chair of the Senate Education Committee, Vice-Chair of the Fiscal Review Committee, a member of the Senate Commerce, Labor, and Agriculture Committee, and as a member of the Senate Environment, Conservation, and Tourism Committee; and

WHEREAS, a gentleman who truly appreciates the responsibilities, as well as the privileges, of leadership and citizenship, Don McLeary has given his time and energies to many community, civic, and charitable organizations, including service as President of the Humboldt Rotary Club and a board member of West Tennessee Healthcare Foundation, American Cancer Society, American Heart Association, West Tennessee River Basin Authority, and Southwest Tennessee Development District; and

WHEREAS, a talented, astute, and productive professional, Don McLeary has served as an Investment Executive with Union Planters Financial Service, Vice President and Sales Manager of Union Planters Bank, and was formerly the Athletic Director and Head Football Coach at UT-Martin, Assistant Football Coach for the Los Angeles Express, Assistant Football Coach at the University of Kansas, Head Football Coach at Ottawa University, Assistant Football Coach at Morehead State University, and a teacher in the Memphis City School System; and

WHEREAS, Don McLeary has received numerous awards and honors throughout his career, including being named Gulf South Conference Coach of the Year in 1988, and he has been inducted into the Jackson-Madison County Sports Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, his many civic and professional accomplishments aside, Senator Don McLeary is most appreciative of the love and companionship he shares with his wife, Mary, they are the proud parents of three children: Matt, Stacy, and Holly, and have six grandchildren: Landry, Nolan, Nash, Brandon, Blake, and Maston; and

WHEREAS, a devout Christian, Don McLeary is an active member of the Harris Grove United Methodist Church, and he is a registered Lay Minister for the Memphis Conference; and

WHEREAS, Senator Don McLeary is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State," and he should be specially recognized for his distinguished tenure in this body and

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor Senator Don McLeary for his meritorious service to Tennessee as a member of the General Assembly, commend him for his countless contributions and many good works in service of the citizens of the 27th Senatorial District, and extend to him our best wishes for much success and happiness in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.